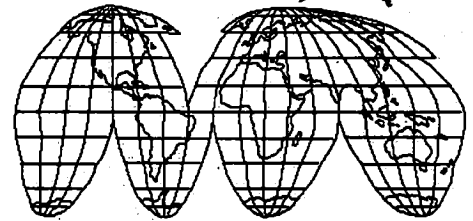


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Diplomatic Appointments

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Martin Collacott, currently Canadian Representative in the Kingdom of Cambodia, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia; **Christine Desloges**, currently Director, Government Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; **Alain Dudoit**, currently Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Czech Republic; **Verona Edelstein**, most recently Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania; **Wilfrid-Guy Licari**, currently Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal; **Manfred G. von Nostitz**, currently Director General, Security and Intelligence, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, with concurrent accreditation to the People's Democratic Republic of Laos.

Ouellet Announces the Launching of a New Program to Support Reform in Ukraine

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced the launching of the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program. The goal of this new program is to promote democratic development and support the transition to a market-based economy in Ukraine through the implementation of small-scale, practical, technical assistance projects. The Government will contribute approximately \$2.5 million to this one-year program. "This new program is testimony to Canada's special partnership with Ukraine and our commitment to support the economic and democratic reform process in that country. The program will draw on the strong human links which underpin Canada-Ukraine relations," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada To Extend Sanctions against Haiti

August 18, 1994, no. 158

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Canada will further restrict international financial transactions between Canada and Haiti. The decision took effect on August 17. "This will effectively prevent any banking between Canada and Haiti. Our objective is to ensure the total isolation of the de facto regime in Haiti," said Mr. Ouellet. This latest step responds to a recommendation by the Organization of American States contained in its June 7 resolution that member states suspend international financial transactions with Haiti. Under the new sanctions, Canadian financial institutions are prohibited from providing services related to international financial transactions to any person in Haiti. Exceptions to the prohibition are allowed for humanitarian and diplomatic reasons. Canada had previously banned the provision of financial services to, and frozen the assets of, members of the de facto regime.

STATEMENTS:

I would like to stress the following key messages: Canada is, in fact, an Asia and Pacific nation and is committed to being an active participant in the region, through innovative programs and projects such as our ASEAN regional development co-operation activities, the Asia Pacific Foundation, "Pacific 2000," education linkages, support for preventive diplomacy, and the Canada/ASEAN Centre. Canada's cultural tolerance and diversity are true assets. Canadians from all walks of life can learn from each other and Canadians of Asian origin have much to contribute, and have already contributed significantly. We understand the need to build better transpacific trade links to adjust to the new realities of the NAFTA, AFTA [the ASEAN Free Trade Area] and the new World Trade Organization. Canada is determined to contribute fully and effectively to APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum] as the focus of regional trade liberalization efforts. Finally, all of Canada's work in the trade promotion field will be undertaken in close collaboration with the private sector, recognizing that governments can only establish an atmosphere conducive to expanded trade and help develop the right policy framework with the private sector ultimately being responsible for delivering the product.

Notes for an address by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), to the Canada/Singapore Business Association (Singapore, August 12, 1994, 94/45)